parties that they must complete the process to organisational elections by the 1st January, 1997;

(b) if so, whether EC has also sought details of election expenses by political parties in recent election of Lok Sabha from political parties;

(c) whether the directives have been discussed with political parties; and

(d) if so, whether all the political parties have agreed to abide by the EC's directives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The Election Commission has informed that it had directed political parties to confirm to it that the provisions of party constitution relating to organisational elections were being observed scrupulously.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Harassment of Patients by Advisor Ayurveda/Siddha

3636. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL:
SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Adviser of Ayurveda/Siddha refuses to countersign or cut the maximum medicines issued by the CMOS (Ayurveda) of CGHS and verbally instructs the patients to visit Ayurvedic Hospital, Lodi Colony, New Delhi;

(b) whether the Adviser (Ayurveda & Siddha) Deputy Adviser (Ayurvedic) Medical Superintendent are empowered in this regard vide order No. 13-12-95-CGHS/GE/3986-4002 dated 23.11.95;

(c) whether this type of behaviour is objectionable in the public interest since patients are harassed in this way; and

(d) what action is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) With a view to regulating the local purchase of non-listed, classical and proprietary, Ayurvedic medicines, orders were issued in 1995 that countersignature by Adviser/Dy. Adviser (Ayurveda)/Medical Superintendent, CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital, Lodhi Road, would be necessary to authorise such purchases. At times, when unlisted medicines are prescribed for months together at a stretch, the Adviser etc. restrict the permission to 2—4 weeks only, so as to review after a certain period, the effect of these medicines. When, despite prolonged use of such medicines, the beneficiary does not get relief, he is advised to visit the CGHS Ayurvedic hospital at Lodhi Road.

Newsitem regarding grant of extension of CMD of Punjab and Sind Bank

3637. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appeared in the Hindustan Times of 2nd May, 1996, alleging favouritism shown in the matter of granting extension to the Chairman and Managing Director of Punjab and Sind Bank;

(b) the names of the Expert's Committee which recommended the grant of extension to the Chairman and Managing Director in violation of law; and

(c) the reasons for which no action has so far been taken by Government to remove the CMD of Punjab and Sind Bank?